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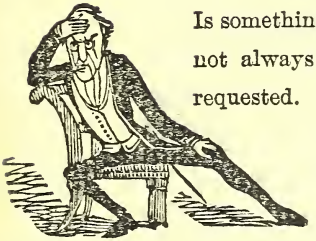
PREFACE.

"GUESS THIS RIDDLE!"



Is something that we, doubtless, have not always been able to do when requested. It has often puzzled the wisest of us to make out simple riddles.

Trifling as these exercises for ingenuity may be considered, wise men have not thought it an unworthy use of their time and talents to solve them.

Riddles have always been popular in all countries, and if we can add to the amusement and enjoyment of those who may use this little book, our object shall be accomplished.

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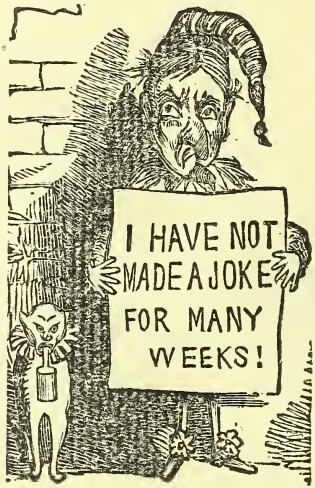

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FIFTEEN HUNDRED RIDDLES AND CONUNDRUMS.

Why are birds very much depressed early in a Summer's morning? Because their little bills are all over *due*.

Can you tell me why
The deceitful eye
Can better decry,
Than you or I,
On how many toes
A pussy cat goes?
The eye of deceit
Can best count her feet (counterfeit):
And so, I suppose,
Can best count her toes.

Why is an old man's house always easy to enter? Because his gate is broken and his locks are few.

What does a pig do when it loses its home? It ties a knot in its tail and calls it a pig sty.

Why is a dog's tail like an old man? Because it is *in*firm.

What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing omnibuses.

How does a goose resemble a cow's tail? Both grow down.

What is the first thing that goes into a boot? The last. Why? Because the last shall be first.

When is a pig heavier than a pig? When it is led.

If all the women went to China where would all the men go? To Pekin (peek in).

What city is like an habitual drunkard? Berlin. It is always on a Spree.

Which is the coolest seat in an omnibus? The one next to the pole.

Why is paper money more valuable than gold? Because when you put it in your pocket you double it, and when you take it out you find it still *in*creases.

Who killed the greatest number of chickens? Hamlet's uncle "did murder most foul."

Write a cipher,
Prefix fifty,
To the right place five;
Then add one fifth of eight.
The whole will be the sum of human happiness.
LOVE.

What newspapers does a gentleman desire when he kisses a lady? No *Observers*, no *Spectators*, and as many *Times* as he pleases.

Why is a falling star like a fog? One is missed from heaven, and the other is mist from earth.

What piece of carpentry becomes a gem as soon as finished? A-gate.

Why is a cautious, prudent man like a pin? Because his head prevents him from going too far.

Where is happiness always to be found? In the dictionary.

What is the only pain of which every one makes light? Window-pane.

Why is a naughty boy like a postage stamp? Because both need a little licking to make them stick to their letters.

Place four nines so as to equal one hundred? 99⅞.

What is it from which if you take all its letters it remains the same? A postman.

For what was Eve made? Adam's express company.

There was a man, who bought a thing,
The thing he bought, he did not want,
The man who sold it, could not use it.
The man who used it, did not know it.

Coffin.

What chin is never shaved? Ur-chin.

What is the most unequal contest mentioned in the Bible? When a little mustard seed sprang *up and waxed* a great tree.

When did Ruth treat Boaz badly? When she pulled his ears and trod on his corn.

When does love become a pitched battle? When it comes to an engagement.

What is that which the more it is cut the longer it grows? A ditch.

What is that which though always invisible, is never out of sight? The letter I.

Why are washerwomen unreasonable? Because they expect to have soft water when it rains hard.

Why is a hen supposed to be immortal? Because her sun (son) never sets.

From what most people *do* talk; take nothing, and leave what they *should* talk. *Non*-sense.

When is a candle like a tombstone? When it is put up for a late husband.

Why is a young lady who has just left boarding school like a building committee? Because she is ready to receive proposals.

Why is a sermon like a kiss? Because it needs two heads and an application.

What wind do we naturally look for after Lent? An Easter-ly one.

Why is a pretty girl like a hinge? Because she is something to a door (adore.)

How many peas (P's) in a pint? One.

Why is a dog's tail a great novelty? Because you never saw it before.

Why is a sheet of postage stamps like distant relatives? Because they are but slightly connected.

Who are the most wicked people in the world, and why? Pen makers. Because they make people steel pens and tell them they do write (right).

Why should potatoes grow better than other vegetables? Because they have eyes to see what they are doing.

Why is coal the most contradictory article known in the market? Because when purchased it goes to the *cellar* instead of the buyer.

When are potatoes like gate-posts? When they are put into the ground to prop-a-gate.

Who can be said to be nobody's child? Joshua, the son of Nun.

Name an organ without a stop. The human tongue.

Why do shoemakers never die? Because they stick to the last.

When is a lady's neck not a neck? When it's a little bare (bear).

When is a baby not a baby? When it's a little cross.

When is a nose not a nose? When it's a little reddish (radish).

What leads you to suppose that fleas are more subject to madness than any other insect or animal? Because they generally die cracked.

What is it that must stand before it can sit? A member of Congress.

Why is a child with a bad cold like a snow-storm? Because it blows, it snows (nose).

Why is an old oak tree like a tight shoe? Because it produces a corn.

A duck before two ducks, a duck behind two ducks, and a duck between two ducks; how many ducks were there in all? Three.

If a person suffering from hydrophobia were asked to describe the symptoms of his disorder, what summer dainties would he name? Water-ices (water I sees); ice-creams (I screams).

What strange metamorphose do people undertake every night? They turn into bed.

Bones, why are you like a beefsteak? Because you require to be hauled over the coals.

What is the effect on a man of leading a woman to the altar? In that act his leadership begins and ends

Why is a plant like a pig? When it roots.

What is a difficult question? The minutes relating to an affair of honor, they are always drawn up by the seconds.

Why should you never abuse a briefless lawyer? Because it is decidedly wrong to abuse a man without a cause.

Why does a woman keep a secret? It is pretty sure to be with telling effect.

When is an author like a ghost? When he appears in sheets.

Why should pirates be thrown into the sea unceremoniously? Because they are sea worthy.

Why may stone cutters reasonably believe there is no such thing as granite? They never saw it.

Why should work people imitate the wind? The wind is always busy, and, like a cheerful operator, it whistles at its work.

What is the difference between a man averse to reckoning and an old woman who kissed her cow? First, there is no taste for reckoning, and in the second there is no accounting for taste.

Why are the girls of America conducive to specie payments? Because they are the circulating medium; their drafts on our hearts are honored at sight, and are sure to introduce small change among the masses.

When is a single plough-share most valuable? When it is in the earth; for it is worth more than twenty in paper.

Why is a fop like a cinnamon tree? Because the bark is worth more than the bush.

A photographer's epitaph—"Taken from life."

When is a child a perfect blessing? When it is a well-spring of pleasure.

What sort of a rib is most valuable? A spare-rib.

Where may we hope never to meet a friend? While we are ascending the hill of prosperity.

What is the greatest blessing Heaven can send? A good wife.

What is the sentiment that should actuate us all? Love to one, friendship to a few, and good-will to all.

Name a bank that there is no discount on? A bank of earth.

What debt should we be ever ready to pay? To give the devil his due.

What is Neptune's coat-of-arms? The crest of a wave.

Tell me what is a Western settler? The contents of a six-shooter.

Bones, as you are a capital man, tell me how to get a Herring safe? Catch him in a net.

When is fishing discouraging? When you fish all day and get nothing but mosquito bites.

Why should you never put your watch under your pillow? Because you should never sleep on your watch.

What parties are young ladies always partial to? Wedding parties.

What is the difference between a gent dancing with a miss and one losing his photograph in a railway car? One faces his miss and the other misses his face.

Woman is a delusion; but men will hug delusions.

Why should a doctor have his office near a burial-ground? As a matter of convenience to his patients.

Why is a mad bull an animal of a convivial disposition? Because he offers a horn to every one he meets.

Can the sun's character be considered spotless.

Why is the endorser of a note called a surety? Because he is almost sure to have to pay it.

If a Colt's pistol has six barrels, how many barrels ought a horse pistol to have?

Horace Greeley is reported to have said to an individual who obstructed his view at a theatrical performance: "If you observe anything worth seeing, let me know."

Why is a hotel ghost like a policeman? Because it is an inn-spectre.

When thunder claps, for whom is the applause intended?

How do you arrive at the height of a church-steeple on a hot day? Per-spire.

Why is a beard like common sense? Because no women possess it.

At which a lady correspondent "goes for it" after the following fashion:

Why is the author of the above like a certain worn-out instrument of music. Because he is an abandoned lyre (liar).

What is that which gives a cold, cures a cold, and pays the doctor's bill? A draught (draft).

Why is a gooseberry tart like a note of a broken bank? Because it is not current (currant).

Which is the king of trees? A straight fir. Why? Because it is fir straight (first-rate).

If I were in the sun and you were out of it, what would the sun become? Sin.

What man must have his glass before he can do a day's work? A glazier.

What kind of a ship has two mates and no captain? Courtship.

When is a pie like a poet? When it is Browning.

What is the most unfortunate vegetable they could have on board a ship? A leek.

Why is a woman like a locomotive? Because she draws a train after her, scatters the sparks, and transports the males.

What can pass before the sun without making a shadow? The wind.

What tradesman most resembles an iron dog? A tinker (tin-cur).

Why is a woman deformed when she is mending her stockings? Because her hands are where her feet should be.

Whose best works are most trampled upon? A shoemaker's; because good shoes last longer than bad ones.

A man gave a cattle-farm to his six sons. Why is that farm like the focus of a lens? The sun's rays meet there (the sons raise meat there).

What flies forever and rests never? The wind.

Why is the sun like a good loaf? Because it is always light when it rises.

Why is a guide-book like a pair of handcuffs? Because it is made for tourists (two wrists).

Why is a snow-storm the best of jokes? You can always see the drift of it.

If the good all die early, why are the bad like the pupil of the eye? Because they die late (di-late).

Why is a peacock like the figure nine? Because it is nothing without its tail.

Why is a king like a cloud? Because both rain (reign).

Why is death like a tin-pan tied to a dog's tail? Because it is bound to occur (a cur).

Why is love like a potato? Because it shoots from the eyes, it grows in the dark, and it diminishes by paring.

Why is the memory of Washington like fine old French brandy? Because it is very dear to the American people.

Why is a buckwheat cake like a caterpillar? Because it's the grub that makes the butter-fly.

Why is William Penn, the Quaker, like a codicil? Because he is appended (a-pen-dead).

Why was the first day of Adam's life like a summer day in Spitzbergen? Because there was no eve to it.

Why has the shoemaker wonderful powers of endurance? Because he holds on to the last.

When is it an absurdity to offer a liberal reward? For a correspondent who corresponds with the truth.

Why is the blacksmith the most dissatisfied of mechanics? Because he is always striking for wages.

What is the greatest risk a soldier has to contend with? Being extinguished before he can become distinguished.

Why did Adam bite the apple which Eve gave him? Because he had no knife.

Why's a proud and vain young lady like a drunkard? Because either of them are satisfied with a moderate use of the glass.

What is that if you use it well will look at everybody; but if you scratch its back it will look at nobody? A looking-glass.

What is that when you add something to it, it will become smaller; but if you add nothing, it will become larger? A hole in a stocking.

Why are the human race like an auctioneer's goods? Because they are always going, going, gone.

If you was doomed to the stake, would you have a preference? Yes; I would prefer a beef-steak.

Cousin Fanny complains at the ridiculous complaints of men about crinoline. Why so? Because they only cover two feet.

What is the easiest and best way to expand the chest? By having a good heart in it.

Why should you be careful how you entertain friendship? Because it has a cold shoulder.

Why would a practical joker make a successful auctioneer? Because of his success in selling his friends.

Why is it a good thing to be above-board? It is a good thing to be above-board, but a pretty bad thing to be overboard.

What should be the length of a man's arms? A man's arms may be short, but every bold step lengthens them two feet.

When is a man out of date? When he's a weak (week) back.

Why does a lady's home-dress outlast all others? Because she never wears it out.

Why ought poultry-keeping to be a most profitable business? Because for every grain you give a fowl it gives a peck.

How would you speak of a tailor when you did not remember his name? You would call him Mr. So and So (sew and sew).

What person mentioned in the Scripture would have made a good husband for a tall laundress? A-hi-tub.

Why is a dog with a lame leg like a boy at arithmetic? Because he puts down three and carries one.

Why is a lady's foot like a locomotive? Because it moves in advance of a train.

What is that which increases the effect by reducing the cause? A pair of snuffers.

What is the different effect between roses and blossoms? It is a very pleasant thing to see roses and lilies glowing upon the cheek of a young lady, but a bad sign to see a man's face break out in blossoms.

Why is a stupid man like a man with one leg? Because his understanding is imperfect.

What is that we often see made, but never see it after it is made? A noise.

How does a stove feel when full of coal? Grateful.

If a young lady was suffering from blighted affection, what flower would you give her? Heartsease.

Why is the letter A like the meridian? Because it is in the middle of day.

How many young ladies would it take to reach from London to Brighton? Fifty-two; because a miss is as good as a mile.

When a man is asking whether he can speak loud, what kind of a savage does he name? Cannibal (can I bawl).

What kind of toast should every true American imbibe? A health to those ladies who set the example of wearing America's productions.

Why is Mr. Timothy More, since he lost his hair, like an American city? Because he is bald Tim More (Baltimore).

Why is an orderly schoolmaster like the letter C? Because he makes lasses into classes.

According to the laws of retaliation, what right have you to pick an artist's pocket? Because he has picked yours (pictures).

In what part of London should Quakers live? Hatton (hat on) Gardens.

Why is a good tavern like a bad one? Because both are inn-convenient.

Which has the most legs, a horse or no horse? A horse has four legs, no horse has five.

What is that which is above all human imperfections, and yet shelters the weak and wisest as well as the wickedest of all mankind? A hat.

'Twas not in Alpine snow or ice,
But on homely English ground:
"Excelsior" was their device
And sad their fate they found.
They did not climb for love of fame,
But followed duty's call;
They were united in their aim,
But parted in their fall.
Jack and Jill.

If the letter D were never used, why would it be like a dead man? It would be deceased (D ceased).

Why are sheep the most unfortunate of animals, and, at the same time, the most wicked? Because they spend all their youth on the turf; they gambol when they are young; the best of them are black legs, and they are invariably fleeced before they die.

What should you do with your eyes? Dot them. Why need you not do it? Because they are capital eyes.

What fruit is like an old monkey? Grapes (gray apes).

What is the difference between the surface of a lake and a leaden image of the devil? One is a dead level and the other is a lead devil.

What is the first money transaction mentioned in the Bible? When Moses drew a check on the Red Sea and the sons of Israel passed it.

When do two and two make more than four? When hey make twenty-two.

What is the best land for children? Lap-land.

When was beef the highest? When the cow jumped over the moon.

What kind of meat is never cheap? Venison—it is always deer.

What is the best name for a wood-chopper? Hugh.

When is a Scotchman like a donkey? When he strolls along his banks and braes.

How do we know that fishes sometimes go crazy? Because we sometimes find them *in Seine.*

What is the hardest thing to deal with? An old pack of cards.

What evidence have we that Rome was built in a night? Because we are told that "Rome was not built in a day."

What is the best way to make early peas come up? Turn the hens into the garden.

Why is the human life the riddle of all riddles? Because we must all give it up.

Where lies the path of duty? Through the custom-house.

What is the cord in which you cannot tie a knot? A cord of wood.

What kind of money do misers like best? That of other people.

Why are indolent persons' beds too short for them? Because they are too long in them.

Why would a tax on tarts be objectionable at sea? Because it would be encouraging to pie-rates.

Why should secrets not be told in a vegetable garden? Because the potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and beans stalk about there.

Within a marble dome confined,
Whose milk-white walls with silk are lined,
There doth a golden ball appear
Bathed in a stream of crystal clear,
No doors or windows you behold,
Yet thieves break in and steal the gold.
An egg.

Why is a public house like the land of shadows? Because it is the abiding place of good and bad spirits.

Why was St. Paul like a horse? Because he was fond of Timothy.

When is a man greatly tickled but never laughs? When a fly lights upon his nose.

What is the royal road to marriage? Going to court.

Why do railway men always speak of a locomotive as "she"? Because it suggests tender thoughts and draws men after it.

Why is conscience like an omnibus strap? It is the inward check to the outward man.

When is a gambler like a sportsman? When he makes the game his own.

Why are Cashmere shawls like deaf people? Because you cannot make them (hear) here.

Why is a spendthrift's purse like a thunder-cloud? Because it is continually lightning.

What is it that God never sees, a king seldom, and we every day? A superior.

Why do some juries stand on their dignity. Because they think themselves grand, when they are petty.

What chasm is that that often separates friends? Sarcasm.

How many neck-ties had Job? He had three miserable comforters; and they were all worsted.

How do bees dispose of their honey? They cell it, of course.

Which travels faster, heat or cold? Heat. Because one can catch a cold.

When may one's teeth usurp the functions of one's tongue? When they are chattering.

What is a green-grocer that we read about? One who trusts.

Why are the sun and moon like a halfpenny? Because they are far-things.

Why should the company of jailers never be tolerated? Because they keep bad company.

Why have you no cause to fear the arrows of resentment from an old man? Because he never had a beau.

What are the greatest attachments made? More law-suits than love suits are brought on by attachments.

When is the heart like a watchman? When it confines itself to its regular beat.

What is the height of absurdity? To defend a political editor against abuse is like holding an umbrella over a duck in a shower.

Why should you be shy of winning woman? Dealers in sugar candy are not always candid.

When a drunken man solicits aid, what can you consistently give him? Lemonade.

I am a word of four syllables.
In my first my second sat;
I ate my third and fourth.
In-sat-i-ate.

Bones, the difference between the bark of a medical tree, and the bark of a dog? The one may save one's life, and the other save one's property.

What would comprise a fair match? A woman without arms and a man without legs would be a fair match.

At what season did Eve eat the apple? Early in the fall.

Why are we so often bid to take care? Because it comes soon enough whether we want it or not.

Of all the Percy family, who is the noblest? Percy-vere (persevere). And the most cruel? Percy-cute (persecute).

What is the difference between a carriage wheel and a carriage horse? One goes best when it is tired and the other doesn't.

Why do so many young ladies tell such confounded fibs? Because they send word to the front door, "engaged," though they never had an offer in their life.

Why are the loves of some married folks like their jewelry? For the world's eyes; thinking it too precious for every-day wear at the fireside.

Bones, why do you always eat your sister's share of the cake and pie? My mother taught me always to take her part.

When does a man in a brown coat, with a parcel under his arm, go along Broadway at the rate of five miles an hour? When he's in a hurry.

What is the difference between a butcher and a flirt? The former kills to dress, the latter dresses to kill.

In what place did the cock crow when all the world could hear him? Noah's Ark.

Why are stars the best astronomers? Because they have studded (studied) the heavens since the creation.

Why is a widower like a house in a state of dilapidation? Because he wants re-pairing.

Why are a pin and a poker like a blind man? Because they have a head and no eyes.

Why is S like a smart repartee? Because it begins and ends in sauciness.

What should a good-natured wife do? Study.

Why is a sparrow like India-rubber? Because he is gutter percher (gutta-percha).

What roof never keeps out the wet? The roof of the mouth.

Why ought one to distrust the opinion of any person who does not use cheap perfumes? Because, don't you see, he is wanting in common scents (common sense).

What is good diet for a wise man? Sage.

Why is the nose in the middle of the face? Because its the scenter (centre).

Why is the average sermon like asparagus? Because the end is the best part.

When is the plebeian higher than the patrician? When Noah took Ham with the Ark.

Why is a lazy young dog like an inclined plane? Because it is a slow pup (slope up).

Why is a black cat looking out of a garret window of a corner house like an orange? Because it looks round.

Why cannot you play at the present moment? Because all play is pastime.

Complete, you wear me; behead, and you run me; behead again, you play me? Brace, race, ace.

Why is the man who wears spectacles greatly to be pitied? Because he can't real-eyes (realize) anything.

Why is an author's tale like a Chinaman's pig-tail? Because they both come right out of the head.

Bones, can you inform me how to make ice-cream? Bake it in cold ovens, to be sure.

Why is a tallow chandler a bad, and, at the same time, a most unfortunate man? Because his works are all wicked, and all his wicked works will come to light at last.

When does a woman's tongue go quickest? When it's on a railroad.

When is rank and fashion at a discount? Rank and fashion is tolerated in time of peace; but rank and file must have precedence of them in time of war.

When is a dog like a wandering minstrel? When he is a rover.

Why are cooks of more advantage than editors? Because they can make better puffs.

Why is whispering a breach of good manners? Because it is not aloud (allowed).

Why are troubles like babies? They grow larger by nursing.

What public speaker lectures without notes? The blind man.

Why is Cardinal McCloskey like a well-behaved goose? Because he is true to the propaganda (proper gander).

What is the difference between a milch cow and a rickety chair? The one gives milk and the other gives way (whey).

What is the effect of love at first sight? It leads to marriage with the eyes shut.

Why is it unpleasant to be in company with certain people? Because they are like sandwiches, only half bred.

What way must a wife adopt who wishes to keep a husband at home? Send him to the top of the house and take away the ladder.

Why are doctors not respectable? Because they live by pill-age.

If four quarters make a yard, how many will make a garden?

When are talented people apt to get sick? As soon as people begin to make rhymes they are sure to get type-us-fever.

Why do lovers indulge in romantic evening rambles? Because there is a great deal of moonshine in it.

What is the best in the world to take? A grain of common sense; but it is not to be bought at the apothecary's, for it is not a drug in the market.

Many consider themselves landless, without good cause; tell me why. Because they have two or three acres (achers) in their mouths.

If I were to contradict my sister Sarah, what useful organ should I name? A nasal (nay, Sal) organ.

What kind of dust and glass affects the eyes injuriously? Gold dust and brandy glasses.

Bones, why are you destined by nature for a farmer? Because you are so witty that your wife makes butter for all the family from the cream of your jokes.

Which is the most evil article in a grocer's shop? Candles; because they are wick-ed (wicked).

Which are the most bread and meat islands? The Sandwich Islands.

I am a border when complete; behead me, I am a border still. Hedge-edge.

A little higher than my whole, and I run over your glass; behead me and I run round your glass. Brim-rim.

Why is education like a tailor? Because it forms our habits.

Why is a thief in a garret like an honest man? He is above doing a wrong action.

Neither a father's son, nor a mother's son, yet a human child. A daughter.

What three letters in the alphabet are expressive of excessive joy? X T C.

Can you tell me what is the summit of assurance? Stealing money from a man's pocket, to settle a debt due to him, is to pay him in his own coin.

Can you tell when a little man has two negative qualities? He never lays long in bed, and he never wanted a great coat.

When does a duel come to an issue suddenly? When it takes two seconds to arrange it.

What trade would you recommend to a small man? Grocer (grow-sir).

What Chinese city is like a man looking through a key-hole? Pekin.

When were walking-sticks first invented? When Eve presented Adam with a little Cain (cane).

When is a man with wooden legs like one who makes an even bargain? He has nothing to boot.

Why are tailors always brave? Because all of them, without exception, will face a dozen regimental coats.

When is a chair like a lady's dress? When it's sat in (satin).

What chief virtue does frozen water represent? Just-ice.

When is the worst weather for rats and mice? When it rains cats and dogs.

Which is the ugliest hood ever worn? Falsehood

What is greater than a nutmeg? A nutmeg-grater, of course.

Why do birds in their little nests agree? Because they would fall out if they did not.

Perfect with a head, perfect without a head; perfect with a tail, perfect without a tail; perfect with either, neither, or both. A wig.

What is there about a church-steeple that reminds you of your school exercises? A parsing bell.

When is a bad disposition like flour? When it is in-bre(a)d.

When the President pardons a convict, what grammatical rule does he illustrate? He puts a period to a sentence.

What are the best waterproofs? Soundings.

How may a dead tyrant violate truth? By lying in state.

Why is a dishonest lawyer like a sleepless man? Because he first lies upon one side, then upon the other, and is wide awake on both sides.

Which is at once the warmest and the coldest of garments? A bare (bear) skin coat.

Why is natural philosophy like an income-tax assessor? Because it ascertains the properties of bodies.

Why is steam like the President on a journey? Because it is a moving power.

Why is a man just married like the guardian of a lunatic? Because he has to care for one beside himself.

Did Shakespeare say that the Liverpool river was muddy? Yes; the quality of Mercy (Mersey) is not strained.

What belongs to yourself, and is used by everybody more than yourself? Your name.

Why is a beautiful woman in the water a valuable machine? Because she is a diving belle (bell).

What word of five syllables is that of which if you take away one syllable no syllable remains? Monosyllable; take away mo, and no-syllable remains.

Why is love like a potato? Because it springs from the eyes.

When is a family worth ten pence? When it has a Frank (franc) in it.

Why is the letter F like death? Because it makes all, fall.

Why are words like cannon? Because they are the flying artillery of thought.

When has a man a right to do as he pleases? When he pleases to do right.

Can you tell me what there is not in nature? Dumb belles.

What fruit trees resemble the knights of the olden time? Those that cast down gages.

Why is a widower like a house in a state of dilapidation? Because he should be re-paired.

Why should a person engaging in a difficult enterprise secure a companion named William? Because where there's a will there is a way.

Why are two lovers like the two halves of a divided bank note? Because, however widely separated, they always correspond with each other.

Why do rich men sing well? Because they hold their notes.

What is always behind time? The back of a watch.

Why is a pig's tail like a carving-knife? Because it is flourished over a ham.

When is neuralgia in the face like the ancient money-changers? When it is seated in the temple.

If Solomon was the son of David, and Joab was the son of Zeruiah, what relation was Zeruiah to Joab? Mother.

What is that which makes pretty women and plain women look equally well? The dark.

Why do hens always lay in the day-time? Because they are roosters at night.

To what port is a man bound on the day of his wedding? To Havre.

What two letters of the alphabet describe a faded loafer? C D.

When may two people be said to be half-witted? When they have an understanding between them.

Why is a man who marries twice like the captain of a ship? He has a second mate.

Why should people travelling in the Sahara never be hungry? Because of the sandwiches (sand-which-is) there. How came they there? Because Ham was sent there and his posterity were bread (bred) and mustard there.

Why is a sword like the moon? Because it is the glory of the k-night.

Why was Queen Elizabeth greater than Napoleon? One was a wonder and the other a Tudor.

Where do we read of the first use of currency? When the dove brought the green back into the ark.

What King first made beef-tea? Henry the Eighth, when he dissolved the Papal Bull.

Why is a watch-dog larger at night than in the morning? Because he is let out at night and taken in in the morning.

Why is a dead dog's tail like a tree across the road? It stops a wagon.

What becomes of the pins. They fall to the earth and become terra-pins.

Why do so many people in China travel on foot? Because there is but one Cochin China (coach in China).

Why is the last day of February like one of Shakespeare's plays? Because it is winter's tail (Winter's Tale).

Why do women love to exercise control? Because they are not satisfied unless they have husbands to order.

Why is it best for all men and women to have but one foot? Because it is impossible to tread on one's own toes.

When do broken bones begin to make themselves useful? When they begin to knit.

What is maid (made) of money? A young heiress.

How would you get a duck for dinner? Jump into the river.

Why are all men burglars? Because, if a woman had as many locks upon her heart as she has upon her head, the cunning rogues would find their way into it.

What is the best thing out? Out of debt.

What is the worst thing out? Out of temper.

Why does woman require no eulogy? Because she speaks for herself.

Why is the world like a music-book? Because it is full of flats and sharps.

What four-legged animal is always in the water, yet never wet? A cat in a cataract.

Why is your personal demeanor like a glass of ale on a frosty morning? It is more agreeable "with the chill off."

When should you hesitate to receive a babe from the arms of its mother? When it has been "cribbed," and is necessarily stolen property.

What did Adam and Eve live on? On *terra firma.*

What is the difference between an industrious person and a lazy one? The first makes time, the second takes it.

Why are fascinating girls like clouds? Because they reign (rain) upon earth.

What feminine title with the prefix "I," is a declaration of lunacy? I mad-am.

What river in Bavaria answers, "Who is there?" Isar.

Why are all the hand-organs classic? Because they are the production of the handle (Handel).

When is a man like a little pony? When he is a little hoarse.

What is the proper diet for a dancer? A few capers.

If you court a young woman, and you are won, and she is won, what will you become? One, of course.

Why should the male sex avoid the letter A? Because it make men mean.

Why is the letter M like a man who feeds on fish? Because it makes meals of eels.

At what period of your life do you wish for a thousand tongues? When a boy, and you crawl into a molasses barrel.

What is the first thing we find either in town or country? Dust.

Why is the letter D like a squealing baby? Because it makes ma mad.

When is a soldier not a soldier? When he is in quarters.

Why is the letter Y like a young spendthrift? Because it makes pa pay.

What requires more philosophy than taking things as they come? Parting with things as they go.

When may a ship at sea be said not to be on water? When she is on fire.

The greatest curiosity in the world has been found; what is it? A woman.

What was the first bet ever made? The alphabet.

What kind of business never thrives? The stationery business.

What kind of clothes should a gymnast wear? Spring clothes.

In what way would you operate to make an army fly? By breaking its wings.

If a man saw his mother-in-law in prison, what letter would he name? Letter B.

When is a brick a tile? When it is a projectile.

Which British poet could never be a civilized man? Savage.

What article of ladies' dress is useful to sportsmen? Caps.

What is the lightest of all garments? A shift of the wind.

What is the ladies' garment a lady cried wear?

What writer would have been the best angler? Hooker.

Why are all men hypocrites? Because they are always seen in sheep's clothing.

Why is the letter A like a lunatic? Because it's insane.

Why is sneezing like a waterfall? Because it's a catar(rh)-act.

When may a knife in your hand be considered under your foot? When it is ground.

Why are all of our milkmen inconsistent? Because they have the conscience to charge just as much for water in wet weather as in dry.

Why does the world improve yearly? Because every year it turns over many new leaves.

Why should we be very particular with the front of our house? Because every man is judged by his gait (gate).

Why are the Digger Indians never known to smile? Because they are grave diggers.

Why is it folly to converse with a fish? Because you never succeed in drawing it out.

When does a woman invariably tell the truth? When she is talking of her own age.

Why are fools the worst of all thieves? They rob us of time and temper.

Why does a duck go into the water? For divers reasons. Why does it come out? For sun-dry reasons.

What is that which by losing an eye has nothing but a nose left? A noise.

Why should we buy fair, sell fair, and love the fair? By so doing, you will stand a fair chance of leading a fair life.

There is a word of plural number,
A foe to peace and human slumber;
Now any word you chance to take,
By adding s you plural make;
But if you add an s to this,
How strange the transformation is!
Plural is plural then no more,
And sweet what bitter was before.

This foe to peace and human slumber
Is found to just five letters number;
The first is c, the last is s,
The others a-r-e as you may guess:
Now add another s to these,
And you have what will lovers please.
The first a host of ills and woes,
As every human heart best knows;
The last escaped from Eden's frown,
To man, one drop of heaven sent down.

What magazine would be likely to give the best report of a fire? A powder magazine.

What is the difference between Noah's Ark and Joan of Arc? One was made of Gopher wood and the other Maid of Orleans.

He walked on earth,
He talked on earth,
He never sinned or evil knew,
He never was in heaven or hell,
And never can be.
Balaam's ass, Num. 22: 29, 30.

When is the best time to read the book of Nature? When spring opens the leaves and autumn turns them.

When was material for malt liquor introduced into the navy? When the kangaroo went into the Ark with hops and they had a bruin there.

Why is love like a canal boat? It is an internal transport.

Beneath the sun a creature once did dwell,
As sacred writers uncontested tell,
'Twas in this world his mortal breath he drew,
Yet never sinned or moral evil knew,
He never can be raised from the dead,
Nor at the day of judgment show his head;
Yet in him was a soul that must
Exist in hell or dwell among the just.
The whale which swallowed Jonah.

Why is a dishonest bankrupt like an honest poor man? Both fail to get rich.

What causes the potato rot? The *rot*atory motion of the earth.

When were salt provisions introduced into the navy? When Noah took Ham into the ark.

Why is Satan a gentleman? Being an imp-of-darkness he cannot be imp-o'-lite.

Why is a book of conundrums in a dull company like a man inviting a large company and having no one to come? There is a host put out and not one guest (guessed).

What relation is the door to the mat? It is a step farther (step-father).

When is a sheep like ink? When you take it into the pen.

What parts of the body are most useful to carpenters? Nails.

Through my first unceasing flow
Sounds of mirth and sounds of woe;
In my second, newly made,
Thousands every year are laid;
In my whole you never jest,
Prayers are made and sins confessed.
Earnest.

What specialty is the most valuable to a hosier? Hosiery, of course; it is his stock in trade.

What is the weight of the moon? Four quarters.

Why is a generous, noble-hearted man like a number thirteen shoe? Because he has a large soul (sole).

Why is a boiled leg of mutton like a dancing master? Because it is usually associated with capers.

What does the letter B do for boys as they advance in years? As they grow older it makes them bolder.

Where is the best place to get fat? At the butcher's.

Why is a joke not as durable as a church bell? Because after it has been told a few times it is worn out.

Which is the greatest bet ever made? The alphabet.

Why are balloons in the air like vagrants? Because they have no visible means of support.

What did Adam first set in the garden of Eden? His foot.

How many sides are there to a tree? Two—the inside and the outside.

What word is that to which if you add a syllable it will be shorter? Short.

What is that which every one wishes for and yet tries to get rid of? A good appetite.

Why are potatoes and corn like certain sinners of old? Because having eyes they see not, and having ears they hear not.

Which is the strongest day in the week? Sunday—because all the rest are weak days.

Of what parts of speech are shop-keepers most anxious to dispose? Articles,

Why is a well-trained horse like a benevolent man? Because it stops at the sound of woe (whoa).

Why do sheep resemble fast young men? Because they curl up and dye.

Why is a man hurrying to prevent his daughter Hannah falling over a precipice like one journeying to a city in the South? Because he is going to save Hannah (Savannah).

Why is marriage like a tall footman? Because it is hymeneal (high menial).

Why is a man who has studied and practised the art of inlaying with variegated colors, like four letters of the alphabet? Because he's an enameller (N M L R).

If a spirit was observed walking in a small village by moonlight, what character in one of Shakespeare's plays would he represent? The ghost in Hamlet.

Why would a spider appear to have wings? Because he often takes a fly.

Why would you recommend extravagant ladies to young men seeking wives? Because they would make dear wives.

If the house were on fire, and the stairs destroyed, how would you get down? The stairs a-way.

Why have all fruit trees military propensities? Because, when young, they are well trained; they produce many kernels, and their shoots are very straight.

What is that which is too much for one, enough for two, and nothing for three? A secret.

A word of three syllables seek till you find,
That has in it the twenty-six letters combined.
Alphabet.

Why are the letters C and S in the word cloves, although separated, closely attached? Because there is love between them.

Why is it dangerous to health to emigrate to the Black Hills? Because the rage for gold is an incurable type of yellow fever.

Who performs miracles on earth now? The sculptor—because he makes a man out of a block of marble.

What is the difference between a goose and an author? A goose has many quills, but an author can make a goose of himself with one quill,

How would you give comfort to fat people? No one can think small beer of himself when he is well aware that he is stout.

Why are lawyers and doctors safe people by whom to take example? Because they always practise their professions.

Can you tell me what living in suspense means? Working yourself to death to earn a living.

How would you avoid drowning? Keep your head above water.

It is said a woman can never keep a secret; why? If a woman does not speak her secret with her lips, she is sure to tell them in her letters; her pen is certain to split.

When is a chicken a perfect glutton? When it takes a peck at a time.

Why should we avoid mingling with the multitude? Because the man who was hemmed in by a crowd, has had a stitch in his side ever since.

Why are elderly unmarried ladies never envied? Because they are the least enviable of all waiting-maids.

When is the sun every man's servant? When it works every day in the year and exacts no pay.

In making an estimate of a man or a woman, why should you not take the dress into consideration? 'Tis the value of the blade that you inquire into, not of the scabbard.

What is always pointed and with one eye to business? A needle.

What chemical instrument is like a cutting remark? The retort.

What did Jack Frost say to the lily? Wilt thou, and she wilted.

How does a sailor know there is not a man in the moon? Because he has been to sea (see).

Why was "Uncle Tom's Cabin" not written by a female hand? Because it was written by Mrs. Beecher Stowe (Beecher's toe).

When walking through a field of wheat
I picked up something good to eat;
'Twas neither fish, flesh, fowl or bone;
I kept it until it ran alone.
Egg.

When is it dangerous to enter a church? When there is a canon in the reading-desk, and a great gun in the pulpit.

What is the difference between reckless speculation and a slice of bacon? One is a rash thing, the other a rasher.

When does a man sit down to a melancholy dessert? When he sits down to w(h)ine and to pine.

What animal took the most luggage into the Ark? which took the least? The elephant, who took his trunk, while the fox and the cock had only a brush and comb between them.

When is money damp? When it is due (dew) in the morning and missed (mist) at night.

Why is swearing like an old coat? Because it is a bad habit.

Why are fixed stars like pens, ink and paper? Because they are stationary.

A house full, a yard full, and you can't catch a bowl full; what is it? Smoke.

Over the water, and under the water, and always with its head down? A nail in the bottom of a ship.

Black within and red without, and four corners round about? A chimney.

What is that which no man ever yet did see,
Which never was, and always is to be
To-morrow.

What is that which every living man hath seen?
But never more will see again, I ween.
Yesterday.

What is the difference between a pastry-cook and a bill-sticker? One puffs up paste and the other pastes up puffs.

The calf, the goose, the bee, the world is ruled by these three; what is the answer? Parchment, pens and wax.

The land was white, the seed was black; it will take a good scholar to riddle me that? Paper and writing.

Why is a nobleman like a book? Because he has a title.

Why is a drunken man like a windmill? Because his head turns round.

Of what profession was Adam? A planter.

Why is wine double-faced? Because it is first a friend, then an enemy.

When is a pig like peas in a garden? When it requires sticking.

Why isn't a widow like a spoilt child? Because she don't get what she cries for.

Why is a good cook like a student of philosophy? Because she has long been accustomed to fry her (friar) bacon.

Which is the laziest class of people? Tall people; because they are always longer in bed than others.

Why is an industrious tailor never at home? Because he is always cutting out.

What is the difference between a clock and a woman? A clock points out hours, and a woman makes us forget them.

Can you give me an illustration of the force of a bereft woman? A man broke into the house of a widow; she pitched him out-of-doors—a striking evidence of the power of the widow's might.

Why should a little man never marry a bouncing widow? Because he would be called the widow's mite.

What kind of sweetmeats did they have in the Ark? Preserved pears.

Who was the first whistler and what was his tune? The wind, when he whistled "Over the Hills and Far Away."

Why is a spider a good correspondent? Because he drops a line by every post.

If you suddenly saw a house on fire, what three celebrated authors would you feel inclined to name? Dickens, Howitt, Burns (Dickens! how it burns)!

In what color should a secret be kept? Inviolate (in violet).

In case of an accident, what is better than presence of mind? Absence of body.

Why should tailor's children be boiled? Because their pa snips (parsnips).

Why is a lover's heart like a sea serpent? Because it is a secreter (sea creature) of great sighs (size).

What is the difference between the Prince of Wales, a man with a bald head, an orphan, and a gorilla? The Prince of Wales is an heir apparent, a man with a bald head has no hair apparent, and an orphan has ne'er a parent, and a gorilla has a hairy parent.

When is a young man of the greatest use at a supper party? When he is a spoon.

Why is avarice like a bad memory? Because it is always forgetting.

A feeling all persons detest,
Although 'tis by every one felt,
By two letters fully expressed,
By twice two invariably spelt.
Envy (N V).

Which is easier to spell—fiddle-de-de or fiddle-de dum? The former, because it is spelt with more e's.

What is the difference between a photographer and whooping-cough? The one makes fac-similes, the other sick families.

What musical instrument should we never believe? A lyre.

Why are there three objections to taking a glass of brandy? Because there are three scruples to a dram.

What death does a barber die? He curls up and dyes.

What is that which we all eat and drink, though it is sometimes a woman and sometimes a man? A toast.

What is that which goes from London to York without moving? The road.

Why is your nose and chin always at variance? Because words are constantly passing between.

What does man love more than life,
Hate more than death or mortal strife,
That which contented men desire,
The poor have, the rich require,
The miser spends, the spendthrift saves,
And all men carry to their graves?
Nothing.

How do you swallow a door? Bolt it.

What is that which is often brought to table, often cut, but never eaten? A pack of cards.

What is that which lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its root upward? An icicle.

Which is the queen of the roses, and why? The nose of the watering-pot, because it rains (reigns) over them all.

Why are railways like laundresses? Because they have ironed all England and have occasionally done a little mangling.

From a number that's odd cut off the head,
It then will even be;
Its tail, I pray, take next away
Your mother then you'll see.
SEVEN.

Why is ambition like a weather-cock? Because it is a vain and glittering thing to a-spire.

Which is the most difficult train to catch? The 12.50, because it is ten to one if you catch it.

If a farmer asked a barber the difference in their trades, how could he answer in a word of four syllables? You till, I tie (utility).

Why is an industrious girl like a very aged woman? Because both are notable (not able).

Why is catnip like a mouse? Because the cat will eat it.

When is a fowl's neck like a bell? When it is wrung (rung).

Why is Ireland like a bottle of wine? Because it has a Cork in it.

What is that, though blind itself, guides the blind? A staff or stick.

When is a window like a star? When it is a skylight.

What is an eel like when lying on a gravel path? Like a fish out of water.

When is a lady's cheek not a cheek? When it is a little pale (pail).

What smells most in a chemist's shop? The nose.

If a poker, shovel and tongs cost a dollar, what will a ton of Lehigh coal come to? Ashes.

Why is an undertaker like a skinflint? Because he is always screwing people down.

Why are shirt-makers like life-exiles in Siberia? Because they both work for bare life.

Why is a drunkard's mouth water-proof? Because no water ever enters there.

What should be the aim in life for all model young men? To be able to chime in and ring a bell (belle).

Why should Doxology be the name of the last boy in every family? Because it is the last of the hims.

Why did Joseph's brethren put him in the pit? Because there was no room for him in the family circle.

When is a man not a man? When he is a little horse (hoarse).

What is the most frequent fare-well performance? A good meal.

Can you tell me the meaning of the Academy of Design? A young ladies' boarding-school.

Can you tell me what is a very unsatisfactory sort of bread? The roll of time.

Tell me how to make a tall man short. Try to borrow five dollars of him.

As you are very dressy, tell me what kind of suits last longer than you want? Law suits.

Why is a blackleg superior to a man who is superior to him? Because he's a better.

Why is a dog biting his own tail like a good manager? Because he makes both ends meet.

What word contains all the vowels, and in their proper order? Facetious.

An old woman in a red cloak was crossing a field in which a goat was feeding. What strange transformation suddenly took place? The goat turned to butt her, and the woman became a "scarlet runner."

How many insects does it take to make a landlord? Ten ants.

Why would an owl be offended if you called him a pheasant? Because you would be making game of him.

Formed long ago, yet made to-day,
I'm most in use when others sleep;
What few would like to give away,
And none would like to keep.
A bed.

What is that of which the common sort is the best? Sense.

Why ought a greedy man to wear a plaid waistcoat? To keep a check upon his stomach.

Why is an accepted suitor like a person guilty of a crime? Because he ought to be transported.

What is that which never asks any questions and yet requires many answers? The door-bell.

What is that that has neither flesh nor bone, and yet has four fingers and a thumb? A glove.

Three feet I have, but ne'er attempt to go,
And many nails thereon, but not one toe.
A yard measure.

Why is a retired milkman like the whale that swallowed Jonah? Because he took the profit (prophet) out of the water.

Why do fishermen possess extraordinary medical powers? Because they cure dead fish.

Upon what musical instrument are most High Church people skilful performers? Cymbals (symbols).

Why is an Irishman mending his clothes like a rich man? Because he is making up his rents.

My first makes company;
My second shuns company;
My third assembles company;
My whole puzzles a company.
Co-nun-drum.

Why is a chimney-sweep the happiest man alive? Because he is well sooted.

How would you express in one word having met a doctor of medicine? Met-a-physician.

Why are teeth like verbs? Because they are regular, irregular, and defective.

'Tis true I have both face and hands,
And move before your eyes;
Yet when I go my body stands,
And when I stand I lie.
Clock.

I'm strangely capricious, I'm sour and I'm sweet,
To housewives I'm useful, to children a treat;
I freely confess I more mischief have done,
Than anything else that is under the sun.
An apple.

Why are Queen Victoria's poultry quarrelsome? Because they are Vic's hens (vixens).

With what two animals do you always go to bed? Two calves.

I'm the offspring of shame, by modesty bred,
I'm the symbol of virtue and vice;
Neither written nor printed, yet constantly red;
A critic discerning and nice.

I'm a marplot, and terribly self-willed withal,
I'm not to be argued or tasked:
And although I obey not a positive call,
I come when not wanted or asked.
A blush.

Why is a drunkard, hesitating to sign the pledge, like a skeptical Hindoo? Because he is in doubt whether to give up the worship of his jug or not (Juggernaut).

If an awkward fellow upsets your best tea-service what flower does he remind you of? China-a-stir (China aster).

Why is ill-temper like the letter G? Because it's always in a rage.

If it were possible for a single lady to be a man-hater, what would be her most appropriate name? Miss-an-thrope.

RIDDLES.

When may the Ethiopian be said to change his color?—When he proves an unlucky WIGHT (white).

Where are balls and routs supplied gratis?—On the field of battle.

In what class of men are the finite propensities of human nature the most fully developed?—In the aeronauts; they have reached a fine height.

Why is a clock always bashful?—Because its hands are ever before its face.

What parts of speech are shopkeepers most anxious to sell?—Articles.

Why are persons fatigued like a wheel?—Because they are tired.

When is a penniless state of things the cause of joy in a poor man's family?—When bread is a penny-less per loaf.

Why is a tradesman who keeps enlarging his stock like a reptile?—He's an adder.

Why are good resolutions like fainting ladies?—They want carrying out.

When is coffee like the soil?—When it is ground.

When is a punster most like an outlaw?—When he is ROBBING HOOD (Robin Hood).

Why is a woman deformed when she is mending her stockings!—Because her hands are where her feet ought to be.

When is an artist like a cook?—When he is drawing a little duck.

What is the oldest piece of furniture in the world?—The multiplication table.

When may a man be said to be truly in advance of his age?—When he's knocked into the middle of next week.

If you stumble over your new mat in the passage, what science are you shown to have neglected?—PNEUMATICS.

When is a ship like a lady in distress?—When MISSING STAYS or when she's a WHALER (wailer).

Why is a man in pecuniary difficulties like an ostrich in wet weather?—Because he cannot get the DUST to cover his bill.

What is the difference between photography and the whooping cough?—One makes FAC-SIMILES, and the other SICK FAMILIES.

What heavenly thing and what earthly thing does a rainy day most affect?—The sun and your boots; it takes the SHINE out of both.

Why is a bad hat like a snarling, fierce lap-dog?—Because ITS NAP's (it snaps) awful!

What things increase the more you contract them?—Debts.

Why are corsets like opposition omnibuses?—Because they reduce the FAIR (fare).

When does a black and tan dog change color?—When it turns to BAY.

Why do the rich only eat venison?—Because it is DEAR (deer).

Why is it easy to break into an old man's house?—His GAIT is broken and his LOCKS are few.

When does a farmer double up a sheep without hurting it?—When he FOLDS it.

Why do sailors working in brigs make bad servants? Because it is impossible for a man to serve TWO-MASTERS well.

Why is sending a donkey to graze like going up a hill?—It is an ASS SENT (ascent).

Why is a lucky gambler an agreeable fellow?—Because he has such WINNING WAYS.

What is that which Adam, only of all mankind, never saw and never possessed?—Parents.

When is a kiss like rumor?—When it goes from mouth to mouth.

Why does the sun rise in the east?—Because the (Y)EAST makes everything rise.

Why is a baker a most improvident man?—He is always selling what he KNEADS (needs) himself.

Why is the letter K like a pig's tail?—Because it's the end of pork.

Why is a thought like the sea?—Because it's A NOTION (an ocean).

At what time of the day was Adam born?—A little before EVE.

Why is a newspaper like an army?—Because it has LEADERS, COLUMNS, and REVIEWS.

Why is cold weather productive of benevolence?—because it makes people put their hands in their pockets.

Why can an Irish servant answer two questions in the same words?—When you ask her, "Biddy, what is it o'clock?" and "Where's the cold mutton?" and she replies, "Sure, Sur, it's EIGHT" (ate).

What is the best time for sowing TARES?—When you go round and collect your RENTS.

Why don't horses wear hats?—Because it would give them a HOS-TILE appearance.

What animal has the most brains?—The hog, because he has got a HOGS-head full of them.

Why is a woman living up two pair of stairs like a goddess?—Because she is a SECOND FLORA (floorer).

Why do men about to fight a duel generally choose a FIELD for the place of action?—For the purpose of allowing the ball to GRAZE.

Why is it reasonable to suppose that tight-rope dancers are great favorites with the public?—Because their performance is always ENCORED (on cord).

What is the difference between an Emperor and a beggar?—The one ISSUES MANIFESTOES, and the other MANIFESTS TOES without HIS SHOES.

When may a man be said to imbibe music?—When he has a PIANO-FOR TEA (pianoforte).

When does a man contrive to move in a very small space?—When he comes down stairs IN HIS SLIPPERS.

When does a sculptor explode in strong convulsions?—When he makes FACES and BUSTS.

What tree bears the most fruit to market?—The AXLE tree.

When does a ship become a horseman?—When it RIDES at anchor.

Why is a vulgar row like railway traveling?—Because it's LOW COMMOTION (locomotion).

Why is a lawyer like a sawyer?—Whichever way he goes, down must come the DUST.

What great Scotsman would you name if a footman knocked at the door?—John Knox.

Why is a negative like frozen rain?—Because IT'S NO.

Why is a ten-cent piece like a cow?—It has a HEAD, and a TAIL, and TWO SIDES.

Why are horses in cold weather like meddlesome gossips?—Because they are the bearers of idle TAILS.

Why is a specimen of handwriting like a dead pig?—Because it is done with the pen.

Why is a clear, frosty night like the hot summer day?—Because it's the best time for seeing the GRATE BARE (Great Bear).

If you pull a dog's tail, why is that like your tea-caddy?—Because you're TEASING IT (your tea's in it).

Why is a newly-born baby like a gale of wind?—Because it begins with a SQUALL.

Why is a prisoner on his trial like a criminal hanging?—Because he's in a state of suspense.

Why does a young man injure his stature by encouraging the growth of his beard?—Because then he begins to grow DOWN.

Which is the most hearty gentleman?—Sir-loin.

The most positive gentleman?—Cer-tain.

The most suspicious gentleman?—Surmise.

The most cowardly gentleman?—Sur-render.

Why is a union of political parties like gas-tar?—Because it's COALESCENCE (coal essence).

Why does a puss purr?—For an obvious PURR PUSS.

If a tree were to break a window, what would the window say?—TRE-MENDOUS.

Why do white sheep eat more than black ones?—Because there are more of them!

Why is a handsome girl like an excellent mirror?—She's a GOOD LOOKING LASS.

When does the lark turn carpenter?—When he SOARS (saws) ACROSS THE WOODS AND FORESTS.

Why are seeds after being sown like gate-posts?—Because they are planted in the earth in order to PROP-A-GATE.

When are ladies in winter like old kettles?—When they are very much FURRED.

What faction is it desirable to have always predominant?—Satis-FACTION.

When you put on your slipper, why do you always make a mistake?—Because you PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT.

What most effectually checks a fast man?—A BRIDAL (bridle).

What proves sailors to be very careless?—They are in a "mess" every day at sea.

What are the best trees to protect a house from winter storms?—FIRS (furs).

Why is a country bumpkin termed raw?—Because he cannot be said to be WELL DRESSED.

Why is John Smith like a badly-cooked cake?—Because he isn't BROWN.

When is a horse like a schoolboy?—When he KNOWS HIS (S) TABLE.

How should love come to the door?—With a RING but not without a RAP (wrap).

What is the difference between a funny fellow and a butcher?—One deals in WIT, and the other in WIT-TLES!

What relation is the door-mat to the scraper?—A STEP-FATHER (farther).

If a cab is hired by a woman who has "seen better days," why may the cabman be said to lose?—He has a REDUCED FARE (fair).

Why does a sailor know there is a man in the moon?—Because he has been to SEA (see).

Why is Berlin the most dissipated city in Europe?—Because it's always on the SPREE (the river so called).

Why is it almost certain that Shakespeare was a money-broker?—Because no man has furnished so many STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Why is a horse the most miserable of animals?—His thoughts are always on the RACK.

What money brings the most substantial interest?—MATRI-MONY.

What is that which everyone can divide, but cannot see where it has been divided?—Water.

When may a man be said to be literally immersed in business?—When he's giving a SWIMMING LESSON.

Why is the best article of malt liquor like the last piece of music in a concert programme?—Because it's the FINE ALE (finale).

If a man bumped his head against the top of a room, what article of stationery would he get?—CEILING WHACKS (scaling-wax).

Why is a pig with a curly continuation like the ghost of Hamlet's father?—Because he "could a tale unfold."

Why is a fishmonger never generous?—Because his business makes him SELFISH (sell fish).

What is the difference between one who walks and one who looks up-stairs?—One STEPS UP STAIRS and the other STARES UP STEPS.

What instrument of war does an angry lover resemble?—A CROSS-BOW.

When are culprits like old books?—When bound over.

When is an arm as long as three feet?—When it's a YARD-arm.

How does the most punctual payer incur debt?—By sleeping on "tick."

When can a man have something and nothing in his pocket at the same time?—When his pocket has a large hole in it.

What part of a shop is exactly like every other part?—The COUNTER-PART.

Why should potatoes grow better than any other vegetable?—Because they have EYES to see what they are doing.

Why is a man who has fallen off a tree, and is determined to go up again like a man emigrating?—He is going to try another CLIMB (clime).

What is the difference between a baldheaded man and an angler with only two "flies?"—One has a BARE PATE; the other a PAIR BAIT!

Why are oranges like church-bells?—Because we have PEALS from them.

When are we most likely to find the sky blue?—The nearer we go to the MILKY way.

Why is the figure nine like a peacock?—Because it's nothing without its tail.

If we see a lady with her hair in ringlets, why may we conclude that her head really contains something valuable?—Because it is so well guarded with locks.

Why are chickens' necks like door-bells?—Because they are often wrung for company.

Why are young ladies' affections always doubted?—Because they are misgivings.

Why is the root of the tongue like a detected man?—Because it's down in the mouth.

Why is a selfish friend like the letter P?—Though first in pity, he is the last in help.

Why is a dull and plausible man like an unrified gun?—Because he is a smooth bore.

When are tailors and house-agents in the same business?—When they gather the rents.

Why is the camel the most irascible animal in the world?—Because he always has his back up.

Why are young ladies at the breaking up of a party like arrows?—Because they cannot go off without BEAUX, and are in a QUIVER until they get them.

What is the difference between a man and a chicken? Man has his eternity in the next world, and the chicks have their NECKS TWIRLED in this.

What piece of carpentry becomes a gate as soon as it is finished?—A-gate.

Why is the world like a piano?—Because it is full of sharps and flats.

On what grounds may confectioners be called very mercenary lovers?—Because they sell their "kisses."

What bar is that which often opens but never shuts?—Crowbar.

What is the most suitable dower for a widow?—Wi-dower.

Why is Asia like a market in Christmas week? Because there is always a Turkey in it.

Why is an infant like a diamond?—Because it is a "dear little thing."

What is the count on which you always lose?—Discount.

Why is a dwarf unlike the rest of mankind?—Because he can never wear a great coat nor lie long in bed.

Why are the tallest people the laziest?—Because they are longer in bed than others.

Why is sympathy like blindman's buff?—Because it is feeling for our fellow creatures.

Why is a division in Congress like the influenza?—Because sometimes the AYES (eyes) have it, and sometimes the NOES (nose).

When does a man turn fiuid into metal?—When he makes INQUIRY (ink wiry).

Why is a bee-hive like a bad potato?—Because a bee-hive is a BEE-HOLDER, and a beholder is a spectator, and a SPECT-TATER is a bad potato.

Why doth a dog waggle hith tail?—Give it up?—I think motht fellahs will give that up! You see the dog waggles hith tail becauth the dog'th stwonger than the tail. If he wath'nt, the tail would waggle the dog!

What part of an old lady's attire most resembles a solitary person?—HER MITTS (hermits).

What represents company, avoids company, and calls company?—Co-nun-drum.

Why are pancakes like umbrellas?—Because they are rarely seen after LENT.

When are true words sweet words?—When they are CANDIED (candid).

When is a clock on the stairs dangerous?—When it RUNS DOWN and strikes ONE.

Why is a blacksmith the most dissatisfied of all mechanics?—Because he is continually on the STRIKE FOR WAGES.

What is the difference between stabbing a man and killing a hog?—One is ASSAULTING with intent to kill, and the other a killing with intent to SALT.

When is a lady's chair like a lady's dress?—When it is SAT-IN.

Why are the Germans like quinine and gentian?—They are TWO TONICS (Teutonics).

When is a soldier not half a soldier?—When he's IN QUARTERS.

What cardinal virtue does water represent when frozen?—JUST-ICE.

What port is sought by every living creature?—Support.

Why is the bridegroom more expensive than the bride?—The bride is always GIVEN AWAY, while the bridegroom is often SOLD.

Why are authors who treat of physiognomy like soldiers?—They WRITE ABOUT FACE.

What is both food for the body and food for the mind?—Bacon (Bacon, the philosopher).

What word may be pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it?—QUICK-ER.

Why is a military officer's position a paradox?—Because, although he may never get into disgrace, he is sure to get into a MESS.

What is that which we often catch hold of and yet never see?—A passing remark.

When is a gun like a dismissed servant?—When it is DISCHARGED and GOES OFF.

Why is a butcher's cart like his top-boots?—Because he carries his CALVES there.

When does a farmer act with great rudeness towards his corn?—When he pulls its EARS.

Why is a man who beats his wife like a thoroughbred horse?—He's a PERFECT BRUTE.

Why is a man after a long journey like a coach-wheel?—Because he's TIRED.

Why is first love like a potato?—Because it shoots from the EYES, and becomes all the less by PARING.

What is the best line to lead a woman with?—MASCULINE.

What is the most ocular punishment?—Eye-lashes.

Why is a woman who has eaten a meat pie containing more fat than one she had previously partaken of, like one of the most popular ARTISTES on the stage?—Because she's HAD A LEANER PATTY (Adelina Patti).

Why is Athens like a worn-out shoe?—Because it once had a Solon (sole on).

Why is rheumatism like a great eater?—Because it attacks the joints.

Why does a coat get larger when taken out of a carpet-bag?—Because when taken out you find it INCREASES.

Why is a lover like a knocker?—Because he is bound to ADORE (a door).

Which is the most noticeable pair of "tights?"—Two drunkards.

What is the most "engaging" work of art?—A fashionable young lady,

Which is the most favorite word with women?—The last one.

Why is a proclamation like eight drachms?—Because it AN OUNCE IS (announces).

Why is a horse constantly ridden but seldom fed not likely to be in want of food?—Because he has always got a bit in his mouth.

Why are sheep in a fold like a letter?—Because they are penned.

Why is Newcastle coal like true love?—Because it always burns with a steady flame.

Why should a baker be considered a poor man?—Because he is always KNEADING (needing) bread.

Why ought the stars be the best astronomers?—Because they have STUDDED the heavens since the creation of the world.

Why is a cabbage run to seed like a lover?—Because it has lost its heart.

Why did a fat fellow who was very much squeezed going into the opera-house become very complimentary to the ladies?—Because the pressure made him flatter.

Which are the most vain (vein) people?—Miners.

When is a lamplighter like a cowardly soldier?—When he runs away from his post.

Why are coopers like musical composers?—Because they are used to STAVES.

Why are lovers like apples?—Because they are often paired.

Why is a "girl of the period" like a careful housewife?—She makes her WAIST as little as she can.

Why is an insolent fishmonger likely to get more business than a civil one?—Because when he sells fish he gives SAUCE with it

Why is a coachman like a lover?—Because he is always desirous of being REMEMBERED by his FARE.

Why is an editor's room with a big fire in it like a baker's oven?—Because it is there he makes his bread.

What letter would be of more service to a deaf woman than an ear trumpet?—A, because it would make HER HEAR.

Of all Fortune's daughters, which one should a smart young man avoid?—Mis-fortune.

What tune can be made out of bank NOTES?—A FORTUNE.

Why can a fish see to swim in the dark?—Because he carries two PAIR O' FINS (paraffins) with him.

Why do annually flowering plants resemble whales?—Because they only come up to BLOW.

Why is a blade of grass like a bill of exchange?—Because it is matured by a falling DEW (due).

Why is a drunken man like a noun adjective?—He seldom stands alone.

Why are there three objections to taking a glass of brandy?—There are three SCRUPLES to a drachm (dram).

Why is a blacksmith's apron like the gates of a convent?—It keeps off the SPARKS.

Why is a schoolboy who has just began to read like knowledge itself?—He is LEARNING.

On what toe does a corn never come?—The mistletoe.

Why are hot rolls like caterpillars?—Because they make the BUTTER-FLY.

Why does a stage driver seem fonder of grief than any other man?—Because he is always CRYING to his horses, "Wo!—wo!"

Why is a newspaper like the blood of a healthful man?—Very much depends on the CIRCULATION.

When does a dog become larger and smaller?—When he's LET OUT at night and TAKEN IN in the morning.

Why are ladies who paint fond of literature?—Because they are well RED (read).

Why is whispering a breach of good manners?—Because it's not ALOUD (allowed).

Why is love like a canal boat?—Because it's an internal transport.

Why should a clergyman wear well-fitting clothes?—Because he should never be a man of LOOSE HABITS.

What is most like a man looking out of a carriage?—A man looking in.

What is most likely to become a woman?—A little girl.

Why is a fool in high station like a man in a balloon? Because everybody appears little to him and he appears little to everybody.

Why does a railway ticket agent cut a hole in your ticket?—To let you pass through.

The snuggest fort in the world?—COM-fort.

Why is a very ugly female a wonderful woman?—Because she's an EXTRA-ORDINARY one.

Why is a conductor of music like the telegraph?—Because he BEATS time.

On what day in the year do women talk the least?—The shortest day.

What changes black and white at once?—A book, when it is RE (A) D all through.

Why are some women like facts?—Because they are stubborn things.

When is a chimney like a chicken?—When it is a little FOUL (fowl).

What is a lamp-post with its lamp taken away?—A lamp-lighter.

What when the lamp is lit?—Light-headed.

What three letters turns a girl in a woman?—A G E.

What animal would be likely to devour a near relation?—The ANTEATER (the aunt eater).

Why is a vain young lady like a confirmed tippler?—Because neither of them is satisfied with the moderate use of the glass.

Why are washerwomen silly people?—Because they put out their tubs to catch SOFT water when it rains HARD.

Why is a lady's chignon like an historical romance?—It is fiction founded upon FACT.

Why is a man with a scolding wife like a florist?—Because he has a HOT-HOUSE.

Why is an ill-fed dog like a philosopher?—Because he is a THIN CUR (thinker).

At what point does the army enter hostile cities?—At the point of the bayonet.

Which of your parents is your nearest relation?—Your mother, of course. Is not the other FARTHER?

On what food should a prize-fighter train?—Mussels.

How can it be proved that a horse has six legs?—He has FORE legs in front and two behind.

When is a young man the greatest use at a supper party?—When he's a spoon.

Why are pawnbrokers like sisters of mercy? Because they take great interest in serving the poor.

Why is a man's pastor really and truly his brother?—He is his PARSON (pa's son).

When may a man call his wife "honey?" When she has a large COMB in her head.

Which has the greatest amount of animal heat: the beaver or the otter?—The (h)OTTER of the two.

What gate should wear a moustache?—A HAIRY (area) gate.

When are two apples alike?—When they're PARED (paired).

What is the difference between an auction and sea-sickness?—One is a SALE OF EFFECTS: the other is the EFFECTS OF A SAIL.

Why is a colt like an egg?—Because it's of no use till it's broken.

Why is a bad epigram like a useless pencil?—Because it has no point.

When is water like fat?—When it's DRIPPING.

Why is a bed-cover like a blister?—Because it's a counter-PANE (pain).

When is a nosegay literary?—When it's a BOOK—EH! (bouquet).

What sweetmeat do you get by slamming a door on your fingers?—Jam.

Why is a tale-bearer like a bricklayer?—Because he RAISES STORIES.

Why are the fixed stars like old rakes?—Because they SCINTILLATE (sin till late).

Why may carpenters believe there is no such thing as stone?—Because they never SAW it.

Why would tying a slow horse to a post seem to improve his pace?—Because it would make him FAST.

Why does wit resemble a Chinese lady's foot?—Because brevity is the SOUL (sole) of wit.

What celebrated poem ought a clown to quote when driving six donkeys?—Wordsworth's "We are seven."

What is the difference between a blunder and a wedding?—One is a mis-take and the other a take Miss.

When does a man get the cheapest bread?—When he has a roll down stairs.

Why is a ropemaker like a poet?—Because he makes lines.

Why is a gun like a jury?—Because it GOES OFF when discharged.

Why is a busy tailor said never to be at home?—Because he is often cutting out.

What tradesman never turns to the left?—A WHEELWRIGHT.

Why is coffee like a blunt razor?—Because it must be ground before it is used.

What color are the waves and winds?—The waves ROSE and the winds BLEW (blue).

Where can happiness always be found?—In the dictionary.

When is a baby not a baby?—When it is a TEA THING (teething).

Why is a dog's tail like the pith of a tree?—Because it is farthest from the bark.

Why is the letter C the most noisy of letters?—Because it begins all clamor.

Why is a comet more like a dog than the dog-star?—Because a comet has got a tail, and the dog-star hasn't.

Why should the poet have expected the woodman to "spare that tree?"—Because he thought he was a good FELLER (fellow).

What is the most deceiving age?—The SAUS-age.

What is the best thing to do to enjoy the happiness of courting?—To find a little GAL AND TRY (gallantry).

When a tree is felled why has it no right to complain?—Because it was AXED whether it would or not.

What ship carries more passengers than the Great Eastern?—Court-ship.

Why are ladies like churches?—Because there is no LIVING without them.

What belongs to yourself and is used by your friends more than by yourself?—Your name.

What flowers should ladies resemble and what flowers should they not resemble?—They should be roses, but not prim-roses.

What animal has death no effect upon?—A pig, because when you have killed him you can CURE him and save his bacon.

Why are washerwomen great travelers?—Because they are continually crossing the line and running from pole to pole.

Spell brandy with three letters.—B, R, and Y.

Why are the assertions, "I sell apples," and "I sell no apples" both alike?—Because there is NO difference.

When does a bather capture a large bird?—When he takes a "duck" in the water.

Why is a chimney-sweep bearing a certain common name like a farrier?—He's a black-"Smith."

Why is beef suitable for a Christmas dinner?—Because it is meat (meet) for rejoicing.

Why should a farmer object to a a political disturbance?—Because he would see the RYE ATTACKED (riot-act).

Why are good singers like cheese curds?—Because they require to be pressed.

Why are your nose and chin at variance continually?—Because words are constantly passing between them.

When can you see through a hypocrite?—When he has a PANE (pain) in his head.

Why are the poor of Ireland like a carpet?—Because they are kept down by TAX (tacks).

What are the best kinds of money?—Readymoney and matrimony.

Why is a trick of legerdemain like declining an offer of marriage?—Because it is a SLIGHT of hand.

When is your tooth not a tooth?—When it's a-KING (aching).

When is a nosegay a fish?—When it's SMELT.

Why is a speaker who diverges from his subject like a hangman?—He TURNS OFF THE SUBJECT.

Why is the alphabet like the mail?—Because it consists of LETTERS.

Why are gloves unsalable articles?—Because they are made to be kept on hand.

Why is sister Emma reducing a nutmeg to powder like sister Fanny on board a vessel bound for New Zealand?—Because she is EMMA-GRATING (emigrating).

What moral lesson does a weathercock teach?—It is VANE TO A SPIRE.

Why are there, strictly speaking, only 325 days in the year?—Because 40 of them are LENT (Lent) and never returned.

Why is a horse the most miserable creature in existence?—Because his head is often on the RACK, and his greatest comfort is WHOA (woe).

What is a trout like, lying on a gravel-path?—Like a fish out of water!

What fruit does a newly married couple most resemble?—A green PEAR (pair).

Why is life like this riddle?—Because you must give it up.

Why does a man sneeze three times?—Because he cannot help it.

What is the difference between a milkmaid and a swallow?—One SKIMS the MILK, and the other skims the water.

What ties two people together, yet touches only one?—A WEDDING RING.

Why is a man who has pulled on a pair of close-fitting boots like Jupiter?—Because he has conquered the TIGHT'UNS (Titans).

On what side of a house does the yew tree grow?—The outside.

Why is water in a filter like the fortune of a spendthrift?—Because it is soon RUN THROUGH, and leaves many matters behind to SETTLE.

What can't a dumb man crack?—A joke.

Why is the sun like people of fashion?—It turns night into day.

Why is a person with his eyes closed like a defective schoolmaster?—He keeps his PUPILS in darkness.

Why is the wick of a candle like the city of Athens?—It is in the midst of GREASE (Greece).

Why is an axe like coffee?—It must be ground before it can be used.

Why is a dog biting his tail like a good economist?—Because he makes both ends meet.

Why are a fop's legs like some organ-grinders?—Because they carry a monkey about the streets.

Where did the executioner of Charles the First dine, and what did he take?—He took a CHOP at the KING'S HEAD.

Why is necessity like an ignorant solicitor?—Because it knows no law.

Why is a rhinoceros like a moderate tippler?—Because he's content with a SINGLE HORN.

Why is an honest man like a carpenter?—Because he is a PLAIN dealer.

What smells most in a chemist's shop?—The nose.

Why is a parson bathing in the river in Paris like a madman?—He is IN SEINE (insane).

Why may architects be accounted sluggards?—They are partial to the PILLAR (pillow).

Why is snuff like a pair of spectacles?—Because it improves the eyesight.

Why are bad servants like the waves of the sea on a lee shore?—They are great breakers.

Why does a spoon reclining in a cup of tea resemble a handsome young lady?—Because it is IN TEA RESTING (interesting).

Who may marry many a wife and yet live single all his life?—A clergyman.

When is a pugilist like an animal with four hands?—When he DOUBLES HIS FISTS.

Why does a donkey prefer thistles to corn?—Because he's AN ASS.

Why was Hamlet so courageous in addressing his father's ghost?—Because he was not particular to A SHADE.

Why is a solar eclipse like a woman whipping her boy?—Because it's a HIDING OF THE SUN.

When do butchers rob themselves?—When they STEEL (steal) their own knives.

Why is a man that fails in kissing a lady like a shipwrecked fisherman?—Because he has lost his SMACK.

Why should a man never marry a woman named Ellen?—Because by so doing he RINGS his own (K) NELL.

When would iron do to make sausages of?—When it is PIG-iron.

Why is it that ladies are so changeable with respect to their sweethearts?—They are always wishing to ALTAR (alter) them.

Why is an interesting book like a toper's nose?—Because it is READ (red) to the very end.

Why is a quiet conscience like a fit of indigestion?—It is the fruit of good living.

What makes everybody sick but those who swallow it?—Flattery.

What is most like a horse's shoe?—A mare's shoe.

Why is a postman in danger of losing his way?—Because he is guided by the direction of strangers.

Which newspapers are like delicate children?—All those that are weekly (weakly).

Why may a tallow-chandler easily cool himself in the height of summer?—He can always have a dip on a melting day.

Why is the overland mail like a carrot?—Because its root (route) is a long one.

When is a baggage wagon like a forest?—When it is full of trunks.

Why is a nervous lady like a policeman?—Because her mind is filled with apprehensions.

What young ladies are most likely to become thieves?—Those who take to steel (steal) buttons.

Why does a duck go under water?—For divers (diver's) reasons.

Why does she come up out of the water?—For sundry reasons.

What is that which nobody likes to have or to lose?—A lawsuit.

How can a boy make his jacket last?—By making his coat and vest.

When is leather like rust?—When it's an ox hide (oxide).

Why was the sculptor Power a great swindler?—Because he chiselled the Greek slave out of her clothes.

What are the best fields for dancing in?—The hop-fields.

Why is a whisper like a forged note?—It is uttered but not allowed (aloud).

Why is a sharp lawyer like a man who cannot sleep?—He lies first on one side, and then on the other; and is wide awake all the time.

How is punctuality immaterial?—It is the SOUL of business.

Why is lying like a ragged coat?—It is a bad habit.

Why is absence like a pair of bellows?—It strengthens a strong flame and extinguishes a weak one.

What is less than a mite's mouth?—That which goes in it.

When is love deformed?—When it's all on one side.

How many wives does the marriage service allow?—Sixteen, four (for) better, four (for) worse, four (for) richer, four (for) poorer!

When may a ship at sea be said not to be on water?—When she is on fire.

Why is a cigar-loving man exactly like a tallow candle?—Because he will smoke when he is going out.

When is a ship not a ship?—When she is a-building.

Why is an almanac simply advice thrown away?—Because it comes in at one year (ear) and goes out at the other.

Why may elephants be considered instrumental to the ruin of many families?—Because their teeth make dice.

Why is the alphabet like the mail?—Because it consists of letters.

Why is a young lady who has deserted her lover like an arrow just shot off?—Because she has left her BEAU (bow).

Why is a man knocking at a door like the instrument which he uses to demand admittance?—Because he is a KNOCKER at the door.

Why are park railings like a lady's corset?—Because they confine a little DEER (dear).

Why is a weak crutch like a candlestick?—Because it is a LIGHT supporter.

Why is a committee of inquiry like a cannon?—Because it makes a report.

Why is an advertising tradesman like a man out of breath?—Because he PUFFS.

When is a bill like an old, repaired chair?—When it is receipted (re-seated).

What animals are the greatest gamblers?—Sheep. Because they gambol in their youth, and the best of them are black legs.

If a tough beef-steak could speak what English poet would it name?—Chaucer (Chaw, Sir).

What is that which never flies but when its wings are broken?—An army.

Why is a beggar like an attorney?—Because he is a solicitor.

Why is the Mississippi a lazy river?—Because it lies in BED day and night.

Though I dance at a ball yet I'm nothing at all. What am I?—A shadow.

Why is death like a man breaking your windows?—He puts an end to your PAINS (panes).

What sort of a countenance should an auctioneer have?—One that is for-bidding.

When is a man not a man?—When he is a-shaving.

Why are pretty girls like fireworks?—They soon "go off."

Why is a coarse sieve like this book?—Because it is full of riddles.

Why is the sound of a bell like a circle of gold?—Because it is a ring?

When is the moon like a dollar fresh from the mint?—When it is NEW and BRIGHT.

Why is a court of justice like a draught of fishes?—Because it is a HAUL (hall).

What interjection is like the first boat ever made?—Hark! (ark).

What is the centre of gravity?—The letter V.

What window in your house is like the planet Venus?—The skylight.

Which part of a tea-urn resembles a man at dinner?—The heater (eater).

When is a sailor not a sailor?—When he is a-board.

When is a wager like a unit?—When it is WON (one).

What part of a ragged shirt resembles the Pope's title?—Its HOLINESS.

Name me and you destroy me.—Silence.

Why is it absurd to ask a pretty girl to be candid?—Because, however frank, she cannot be plain.

What weed is most like a rent in a garment?—A TARE.

Which is the smallest bridge in the world?—The bridge of your nose.

What is that, although black itself, yet enlightens the whole world?—Ink.

At what time of life may a man be properly said to be a vegetable?—At seventy, because long experience makes him SAGE.

When you listen to the sound of a drum, why are you like a just judge?—Because you hear both sides.

Why is the winner of a race like the letter A?—Because he is FIRST.

Why is the word lilies like a man's face?—Because it has two I's (eyes).

Why is a melancholy young lady the pleasantest of all companions?—Because she is always A-MUSING.

Can a leopard change his spots?—Yes; when he is tired of one spot he can go to another.

Why is a coward like a leaky barrel?—Because they both RUN.

Why should a carriage wheel be fatigued?—Because it is always tired.

Why are fish in a thriving state like fish made to imitate them?—Because they are HEARTY-FISH-ALL (artificial).

What is that which never asks questions yet requires many answers?—A door-knocker.

What is that which goes up the hill and down the hill and spite of all yet standeth still?—The road.

Whose profession is at once the hardest and the easiest?—The musician's, because he works when he plays and plays when he works.

Why is a candle nearly burnt out like a certain county in Ireland?—Because it is WICK-LOW.

Why is a man and woman joined in wedlock like a well-known fruit?—Because they are a PAIR (pear).

Why is a man seeking the company of conspirators like another going through a field where there are tall trees growing?—Because he is going where there is high trees on (TREASON).

Why is the letter D like a wedding ring?—Because WE cannot be WED without it.

Why is a riddle which is very clearly discovered like a letter written by a child to its mother?—Because it's TOO APPARENT (to a parent).

Why is a bad lock like a basket of wine?—Because it's hampered.

Why when you look at a miser's dinner are you nearly blind?—Because you can only SEE A LITTLE BIT.

Why is the foundation of a leg of mutton like a great general?—Because it is a bony part (Bonaparte).

When is a door more than itself?—When it is TO (two).

Why are crows the wisest of birds?—Because they never complain without cause (caws).

Why is a lecture on board a ship like a young lady's necklace?—Because it is a decoration (DECK-ORATION).

Why is a neglected damsel like a fire which has gone out?—Because she has not a SPARK left.

Why is a plum-cake like the ocean?—Because it contains many currants (currents).

Why is a man wearing a hat not paid for like a bankrupt?—Because he is OVER HEAD and EARS in debt.

Why is a widow like a gardener?—Because she tries to get rid of her WEEDS.

What is the worst kind of fare a man can live on?—Warfare.

Why is a policeman like a mill horse?—Because he goes his ROUNDS.

Why is love like a duck's foot?—Because it is often hidden in the breast.

Why is the telegraph like a musical director?—Because it beats time.

What is the greatest stand ever made for civilization? The ink-stand.

Why does marriage resemble strength?—"Union is Strength!"

Why is a loaf which has fallen overboard like a lobster?—Because it is BRED (bread) in the sea.

Why have domestic fowls no future state of existence? Because they have their next world (necks twirled) in this.

Why is a valet assisting his master at his toilet like one person speaking to another?—Because he is A DRESSING HIM (addressing him).

Why are blind persons the most likely to be compassionate?—Because they FEEL for other persons.

When is a widow like a half ruinous house?—When she wants to be re-paired.

Why do officers on parade evince a particular forgiving disposition? Because they are friendly as soon as they fall out.

Why are noisy people at a public meeeing like sputtering candles?—Because they only cease to be nuisances when they are put out.

Why is a reporter like a forger?—Because he makes NOTES.

Why is a man approaching a candle like another about to get off his horse?—Because he is going to A LIGHT (alight).

What General is most prevalent, causes most distress, and spreads most dismay?—General Want.

What heathen deity would a boxer name when asking another to second him?—BACCHUS (Back-us).

Why is a person with an asthma like a money chest? Because he's a COUGHER (coffer).

Why is an honest man like barley sugar?—Because he is CANDID (candied).

Why is wedlock like a pecuniary affair?—Because it is a MATRIMONY (a matter o'money).

If a church be on fire why does the organ run the least possible chance of escape?—Because the engine cannot play upon it.

Why is a fellow without whiskers or mustachios like an impudent man?—Because he is bare-faced.

Why is a man sitting quietly by himself like money which is borrowed?—Because he is ALONE (a loan).

What letter is that which is always repeated in America?—The letter A.

How do we know that time is money?—Because we generally find it easy to SPEND an evening in good company.

Why is a sailor the most learned person as to what occurs on the other side of the moon?—Because he has been to see (sea).

Why are persons born blind unfit to be carpenters? —Because they never SAW.

What four letters would frighten a thief?—O I C U (Oh, I see you).

When is a sailor not a sailor?—When he is a-board.

Why is an old lady's cap the most economical article of human clothing?—Because she never wears it out.

Why does a man go into the law, remain in the law, and go out of the law?—He goes into the law to get ON; he remains in the law to get ONER; he retires from the law to get ONEST.

When is a soldier not a soldier?—When he is mustered.

What is most like a cat's tail?—A kitten's tail.

If a gentleman desires his daughter to take wine, the name of what country would he use?—Port-you-gal?

What portion of the Mediterranean is the common chord of music like?—A, G, and C (Ægean Sea).

What does a cat possess which no other animal has?—Kittens.

Who first introduced walking-sticks?—Eve, when she presented Adam with a little Cain.

What is the difference between a baby and a pair of boots?—One is what I was, the other what I wear.

If a man met a crying pig what animal would he call him?—Pork you pine (porcupine).

What word becomes shorter by adding a syllable?—Short.

If a stupid fellow is going up for competitive examination why should he study the letter P?—Because P makes ass Pass.

Why is I, of all the vowels, the most likely to get to heaven?—Because E is in hell and all the rest are in purgatory.

With what two animals do you always go to bed?—Two calves.

Why is a naughty boy like a penny postage-stamp?—Because you lick and place it in the corner.

Which of the animals took the most into the ark?—The elephant, for he carried his trunk.

CHARADES.

CHARADES are probably of Italian origin, deriving their name from the word "schiarare," to unravel, to elucidate, to clear up.

The answer to a charade consists of a word of two or more syllables, each having a separate meaning, which is described enigmatically; and then the several ideas evolved in the first and following terms are combined in the whole.

ON the margin of the desert,
  In my FIRST, the camels lay,
Waiting for the heavy burdens
  Borne by them day after day.
Tis said in the olden times
  'Neath the light of midnight moon,
Rode my SECOND on their broomsticks,
  Or were hung up high at noon.
Where the brimming river rushes
  By a pleasant, woodland grove—
There we ate my WHOLE, then onward
  Down the banks far did we rove.

ANSWER—Sandwiches (Sand-witches).

My FIRST is what all do after sleeping, my SECOND is a plot of ground, my WHOLE a town in Massachusetts.

ANSWER—Wake-field.

My FIRST is an important portion of the human body, my SECOND a collection of water, my WHOLE an English town.

ANSWER—Liver-pool.

My FRST is an article of furniture, my SECOND where my baby sleeps, my WHOLE a town in England.

ANSWER—Pres-cot.

I made up my mind to SECOND my FIRST,
And my WHOLE from the dealer received;
But I found that my SECOND
Was too long for my FIRST,
And returned my WHOLE to the maker deceived.

ANSWER—Picture-frame.

Oh, no, says my FIRST, 'tis so warm and hot,
I really can't put on my SECOND,
Tho' 'tis quite an age I've been in my WHOLE,
I still very pretty am reckoned.

ANSWER—Widow-hood.

My FIRST is the product of my SECOND, and my WHOLE is pleasant to romp in.

ANSWER—Hay-field.

A conveyance is my FRST,
My SECOND we love dearly,
My WHOLE is trampled under foot,
And often flogged severely.

ANSWER—Car-pet

In winter's time my FIRST is seen,
When the weather is very cold;
And is formed into my SECOND
By children young and old.
And if my WHOLE you wish to find,
My FIRST aud SECOND must be combined;
And then by looking you will see,
A winter favorite in me.

ANSWER—Snow-ball.

Take half of what is needful for the dead,
What helps physicians to their daily bread;
Join these together, bright and clear,
And drink for breakfast without fear.

ANSWER—Cof-fee.

I'm found in nearly all sorts of houses, and am patronized alike by young and old, male and female, gentle and simple. Of my FIRST is made my SECOND, and my SECOND backs my FIRST, and my WHOLE is used to keep my FIRST in order.

ANSWER—Hair-brush.

My FIRST receives, but never tells
  The secret of a friend;
My SECOND does upon my FIRST
  For its success depend.
My WHOLE with pain the fair admit,
Yet gladly to receive it sit;
And whilst they cringe with pain and fright,
They hail my beauty with delight.

ANSWER—Ear-ring.

Deep in my FIRST my SECOND lies,
  Unseen by mortal eyes,
Rough and unknown; yet when brought forth
  'Tis deemed a noble prize.
There's robbers in the house, you say?
  Then shut the doors each one,
And bar each window firm and fast:
  We'll keep them safe till dawn.
The morning came, loud was the wail,
  And sad, sad was the sight:
The robbers had by WHOLE escaped,
  And bolted through the night.

ANSWER—Strata-gem.

Jem Jenkinson waited on Brown,
  To ask for the hand of his daughter;
He held a snug berth in the town,
  And felt pretty sure he had caught her.
But queer are the fortunes of love,
  And Jem's was one of the worst;
For Brown, in my SECOND, most unlike a dove,
  Right speedily showed him my FIRST.
Our hero, abashed and confounded,
  Lost over his feelings control,
And hurrying home deeply wounded,
  Spoke of it when there as my WHOLE.

ANSWER—Out-rage.

My FIRST is a vehicle, my SECOND is a preposition, my WHOLE is part of a ship.

ANSWER—Cab-in.

My FIRST is a grain, my SECOND is part of a house, my WHOLE is an English county.

ANSWER—Corn-wall.

My FIRST is a liquid, my SECOND is a fish, my WHOLE is a whisper.

ANSWER—Ink-ling.

My EIRST is formal, my SECOND is a flower, my WHOLE is a flower.

ANSWER—Prim-rose.

My FIRST is a color, my SECOND is a workman, my WHOLE is a workman.

ANSWER—Black-smith.

My FIRST is a human being, my SECOND is to walk, my WHOLE is an Indian fruit.

ANSWER—Man-go.

My FIRST is to spoil, my SECOND is a vowel, my THIRD is a precious metal, my WHOLE is a flower.

ANSWER—Mar-i-gold.

My FIRST's a precious stone;
  My NEXT a well-known tree;
Or call my FIRST a fruit,
  The next a thong will be.
Whichever way you choose
  This puzzle to divide,
You still will find my WHOLE
  A powder will abide.

ANSWER—Pearl-ash, or Pear-lash.

I had a dream of bygone years: I saw a fair-haired boy;
His youthful face was beaming with a radiant smile of joy.
I saw his young, yet manly form, within the trim school-ground,
And when his soft sweet voice was heard, his playmates crowded round
And listened, with a greedy ear, as unto them he told
Of glorious deeds that had been done by patriots of old;
Of many a hard-contested field, of cities lost and won;
And thus his youthful days were spent—heroic Washington;

The scene was changed—it was a plain empurpled with blood!
And in that surging human tide—that wild, resistless flood—
I recognized the fair-hair'd boy in that heroic form
That spurred into the very front of that fierce battle's storm.
His manly voice came swelling forth in all its clearness then,
In vain endeavors so to cheer those poor disheartened men;
And when that all seemed to be lost—when every hope seemed gone—
A ray still lingered in his breast—heroic Washington!

The scene was changed—I then beheld a happy, joyous throng

Hailing with pride the conqueror; and as he passed
along,
I recognized his form again: his locks were whiter
now—
The weight of earthly cares had left their mark upon
his brow.
Hark to the trumpet's brazen notes! hark to the thun-
dering drums!
And every voice proclaims aloud, "Behold the con-
queror comes?"
All through that long and dreary WHOLE, he still kept
toiling on;
Branded my FIRST, brave as my LAST—heroic Washing-
ton!

ANSWER—Rebel-lion.

My FIRST is a participle, my SECOND is part of your dress, my THIRD is a letter, my FOURTH is used in front of houses, and my WHOLE is to examine.

ANSWER—In-vest-i-gate.

My FIRST is useful to the earth, my SECOND is worn by ladies and was also used in war, and my WHOLE is seen in the sky.

ANSWER—Rain-bow.

My FIRST is an animal, my SECOND is an article, my THIRD should be used every day, and my WHOLE is a place for the dead.

ANSWER—Cat-a-comb.

My FIRST is a weapon used in war, my SECOND lives in the sea, my whole is a species of fish found in warm climates.

ANSWER—Sword-fish.

My FIRST is a word meant to "hold" or "possess,"
'Tis spelt with four letters I'm free to confess.
My SECOND's an instrument made to confine,
To give you the KEY I politely decline.
My WHOLE, when you find it, will give you the name
Of a brave British hero distinguished in fame.

ANSWER—Have-lock.

My FIRST is never on,
And never warm my SECOND,
By Jove, 'tis time I was at my WHOLE,
For by the boy I'm beckoned.

ANSWER—Office (Off-ice)

My WHOLE to him who has my FIRST,
Is indispensable, I tell you,
He'll have to SECOND my FIRST,
And FIRST my SECOND too.

ANSWER—Watch-pocket.

Look at my happy joyous FIRST,
With my SECOND by her side;
'Tis strange, but a short time ago,
My FIRST was then my WHOLE.

ANSWER—Brides-maid

At evening by my WHOLE you'll think
Of days gone by; and never reckon
That by my SECOND my FIRST is made,
And by my FIRST my SECOND.

ANSWER—Fire-light.

My FIRST I may in truth declare—
It's name and nature both is air;
My SECOND is a perfect bore,
Yet make sweet music evermore;
My WHOLE in many a crowded street
Lies in its bed beneath your feet.

ANSWER—Gas-pipe.

ACTING CHARADES,

ACTING CHARADES is a very popular amusement:

All persons know how Charades are got up—old clothes, hats, shawls, etc., serving forcostumes; chairs, tables, etc., with or without scenery and accessories. These Charades are of various kinds: those performed entirely in dumb show are called Pantomime Charades; Acting Charades, when the speakers either study the words of their several parts, or give them impromptu; and little Plays and Farces, Proverbs, Burlesques, or Dramas. We give specimens, though it is by no means necessary to follow out our model too strictly. Clever folks can make plays for themselves. In the Charade, a word of two or more syllables is acted, either in pantomime or by dialogue, each syllable forming a scene. The players choose a word or sentence, each part of which should have a separate meaning, and when they have played it out, the audience guess its interpretation. When the Charades are short, new actors can be selected from the company, and at the conclusion the word represented is guessed at in the same way as an ordinary riddle.

We subjoin a list of words appropriate for either Acting or Pantomime Charades:

Ad(d)-dress.	Arrow-root.	Before-hand.
A-gin-court.	Back-gammon.	Bell-man.
Air-gun.	Back-ground.	Break-fast.
Air-pump.	Balling-tub.	Bride-cake.
Alarm-bell(e).	Band-box.	Bull-rush.
Ant-e-lope.	Bank-quet (wet).	Cab-i-net.

Cap-rice.
Cat-call.
Chap-fallen.
Club-foot.
Court-ship.
Cross-bow.
Cross-patch.
Crumb-cloth.
Dead-Level.
Dice-box.
Dog-ma-tic.
Dog-rose.
Draw-bridge.
Drop-stone.
Eye-glass.
Eye-lash.
Fag-end.
Fan-light.
Fare-well.
Farm-house.
Father-in-law.
Fish-slice.
Foot-man.
Foot-pad.
Free-hold.
Game-cock.
Game-keeper.
Garden-stuff.
Grand-child.
Grand-father.
Hard-ware.
Heads-man.
Heir-at-law.
Heir-loom.
Horse-chest nut
Horse-man-ship.
I-doll (idol).
Imp-pas, I-bell.
In(n)-different.
Jack-boots.
Jack-pudding.
Jew-ill (jewel).
Kid-napper.
King-craft.
Lady-bird.
Lady-day.
Leap-frog.
Livery-man.
Love-apple.
Mad-cap.
Make-peace.
Mar-gate.
Mar-shall.
Melting-pot.
Mend-I-can't
Milk-maid,
Miss-under-stand.
News-monger.
Night-in-gale.
Night-shade.
Novel-ties.
Out-pour.
Out-rage.
Out-side.
Over-shadow.
Pack-cloth.
Pack-thread.
Paper-maker.
Pen-man-ship.
Penny-weight.
Pen-wiper.
Pop-gun.
Powder-box.
Quarrel-some.
Quarter-staff.
Quick-witted.
Rabbit-warren.
Rain-bow.
Rap-sc(a)ullion.
Rope-walk.
Rope-yarn.
Safe-guard.
Sail-maker.
Sauce-box.
Sweet-bread.
Sweet-heart.
Table-talk.
Tea-board.
Tell-tale.
Ten-an-try.
Tide-water.
Toll-house.
Tow-line.
Up-braid.
Up-roar.
Up-shot.
Up-start.
Vat-i-can.
Waist-coat.
Walking-stick.
War-den.
Watch-guard.
Watch-man.
Water-butt.
Water-fall.
Way-bill.
Wheel-bar-row.
Yoke-fellow.
Young-ster.
Youth-ful.
Zebra-wood.

CURIOUS EPITAPHS.

There was an old woman who always was tired,
She lived in a house where no help was hired;
Her last words on earth were: "Dear friends, I am going
Where sweeping ain't done, nor churning nor sewing;
And everything there will be just to my wishes,
For there they don't eat, there's no washing of dishes;
And though there the anthems are constantly ringing,
I, having no voice, will get rid of singing.
Don't mourn for me now and don't mourn for me never,
For I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever.

Here lies the form of my sweet love,
Who passed from earth to realms above;
She clipped the shell of this earthly sin,
And hatched herself a cherubim.

Sad was her fate, she met it thus—
She was run over by a bus.

ON JOHN STRANGE.

Here lies an honest lawyer,
And that's *strange.*

ON A MR. BUTTON.

Oh! Heavens and Earth; Oh! stars and poles;
That graves should be but button-holes.

Here lies the body of John Partridge, who died 13th of May,
What, shoot a partridge in the month of May!
Call you that sportsmanlike? eh. Death? eh.

Here lies two brothers by dangers surrounded
The one was killed and the other was drownded.

Our little Florence must be larger by this time.

Here lies the body of Elizabeth Fay,
Her's gone away:
Her would if her could, but her couldn't stay.
She had two bad legs and a baddish cough,
But her legs it was that carried her off.

Here lies the body of John Mound,
Lost at sea and never found.

This child was run over by a
Wagon three years old and cross-eyed
With pantalets which never spoke afterward.

The procession was very fine,
And nearly two miles in length;—
As was also the prayer of Dr. Perry, the chaplain.

She gently strode into the dark
Cave of eternal night, at six and
A half o'clock in the morning.

IN A CHURCH IN CHESHIRE.

Here lies I,
Jonathan Fry,—
Killed by a Sky-
Rocket in my Eye-socket.

EPITAPH ON A LOCOMOTIVE.

Collisions four or five she bore,
All patching was in vain:
Long time she rusted,
And then she busted,
And smashed the excursion train.

Here lies the bodies of two sisters dear;
One's buried in Ireland, the other lies here.

FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Here lies ——— ———,
Who came to this city and died
For the benefit of his health.

This is to a poor tract peddler who sat down on a can of nitro-glycerine and was blown "sky-high:"

To the azure depths of the upper air,
His body had flewn, flewn, flewn,
A bit of him here and a bit of him there,
And over the landscape everywhere,
It now lies strewn, strewn, strewn;
But his soul I believe and am willing to swear,
Is grandly climbing the golden stair,
To an anti-glycerine clime;
Go where they don't put up in cans.

Two great physicians first—
My loving husband tried,
To cure my pain—
In vain.
At last he got a third,
And then—I died.

Here lies the body of Jonathan Stout,
Who went in the water and never came out.
Supposed to be floating about.

ON AN OXFORD PIEWOMAN.

Here, into the dust, the mouldering crust
Of Eleanor Bachelor's shoven:
Well skilled in the arts of custard and tarts,
And the lucrative skill of the oven.
When she'd lived long enough, she made her last puff
A puff by her husband much praised:
Now here she doth lie, to make a dirt pie,
In hopes that the crust may be raised.

Here lies the body of Alexander Mapherson,
Who was a very extraordinary person:
He was two yards high in his stocking feet,
And kept his accoutrements clean and neat:
He was slew
At the battle of Waterloo:
He was shot by a bullet,
Plump through his gullet:
It went in at his throat,
And came out at the back of his coat.

In her life she was a pattern to be followed and her death—Oh! how consoling to her friends.

LINES ON A MAN NAMED OWEN MOORE.

Owen Moore has run away,
Owin' more than he could pay.

LINES ON AN EDITOR.

Here lies an editor,
Snooks, if you will!
In mercy, kind Providence,
Let him *lie* still.
He *lied* for his living, so
He lived while he *lied*,
When he could not *lie longer*,
He *lied down and died*.

Here lies Sir John Guise;—
No one laughs, no one cries:
Where he's gone, and how he fares,
No one knows, and no one cares.

The deceased left two infant daughters—both girls.

Here lies the body of Lady O'Looney; grand-niece of Burke, commonly called the sublime. She was bland, passionate, and deeply religious; also painted in water-colors, and sent several pictures to the exhibition. She was own cousin to Lady Jones, and of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Beneath this stone reposes one,
Whom, when this task of life was done,
We buried by the salt, salt sea
Which thoroughly had pickled he.

EPITAPH ON A TALKATIVE OLD MAID.

Beneath this silent stone is laid,
A noisy, antiquated maid,
Who from her cradle talked till death,
And ne'er before was out of breath.

Reader, pass on:—don't waste your time
O'er bad biography and bitter rhyme;
For what I *am*, this crumbling clay insures,
And what I *was* is no affair of yours.

She first deceased. He, for a little, tried
To live without her; liked it not, and died.

Here lies returned to clay
Miss Arabella Young,
Who on the first of May
Began to hold her tongue.

ON A SAILOR.

His death which happened in his berth,
At forty odd befell:
They went and told the sexton, and
The sexton tolled the bell.

To-day death tore away from us, *for the third time*, our only child.

Willie had a purple monkey climbing on a yellow stick,
And when he sucked the paint all off it made him deathly sick;
And in his latest hours he clasped that monkey in his hand,
And bade good-bye to earth and went into a better land.
Oh! no more he'll shoot his sister with his little wooden gun,
And no more he'll twist the pussy's tail and make her howl for fun.
The pussy's tail now stands out straight, the gun is laid aside,
The monkey doesn't jump about since little Willie died.

ON HUME.

Beneath this round idea,
Vulgarly called a tomb,
Ideas and impressions lie,
Which constituted Hume.

He was young, he was fair,
But the Inguns raised his hair.

ON A CELEBRATED COOK.

Peace to his hashes.

Oh! bury Bartholomew out in the woods,
In a beautiful hole in the ground,
Where the bumble-bees buzz, and the wood-peckers
sing,
And the straddle-bugs tumble around.
So that, in winter, when the snow and the slush
Have covered his last little bed,
His brother Artemus can go out with Jane,
And visit the place with his sled.

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